

Provider Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes from 1/22/16 Meeting

Members Present – Turtle Creek Recovery Center, Lakes Regional MHMR, Adapt of Texas, Youth Advocate Programs, Providence, Homeward Bound, IPS, Phoenix House, Southern Area Behavioral Healthcare

Representatives from VO and DSHS were also in attendance.

NorthSTAR Transition Planning

- NTBHA provided an update on transition planning.
- The NTBHA Board of Directors approved the revised Local Plan for Indigent Behavioral Health Services on January 13, 2016, removing the plan to procure an outside entity to serve as an Administrative Services Organization. The Revised Plan was submitted to DSHS and HHSC on January 15, 2016 for review by their leadership team and pending approval by the Executive Commissioner.
- NTBHA informed providers that details of the open enrollment for providers are still under development. NTBHA is currently seeking applicants for a Contract Manager position to take the lead on provider open enrollment and contracting. NTBHA will provide details on open enrollment as information is available.
- SUD Services discussion:
 - One provider noted that references to UM in the NTBHA transition plan are specific to mental health services. It was noted that NTBHA will need to address UM guidelines specific to SUD services.
 - NTBHA reiterated that the LBHAs will not be permitted to contract with private for-profit SUD providers due to restrictions on the use of Federal Block Grant funds. Areas of specific impact to the current provider network include outpatient detox and methadone treatment.
 - NTBHA will hold the OSAR contract for the six county service area. NTBHA is currently examining the models used by existing LMHAs in other parts of the state to determine the best approach for the catchment area.
 - DSHS and NTBHA reported that the LBHA reimbursement schedule for SUD funds is still under consideration.
 - The group discussed SUD contract issues related to reobligation and deobligation and regional considerations for accessing DSHS funded services existing outside of the LBHA provider network and service area.
 - NTBHA will present questions and concerns identified through PAC discussion to the DSHS transition team for review and consideration.
- Discussed importance of identifying individuals with Medicaid eligibility potential and assisting them with applying for benefits. It will be important to have strategies for addressing this need in the short-term while developing long-term strategies to achieve this under the revised indigent behavioral health system.

- It was noted that providers under the NTBHA provider network will also be required to have contracts in place with the four area MCOs. Providers are in various stages of coordination with the MCOs.